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**DESTROY
ALL
MONSTERS!**

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I'M LANA LANG.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

I CAME SOUTH TO HELP
A NON-PROFIT COLLECTIVE
BUILD A DRILLING RIG TO
TAP A MYSTERIOUS NEW
SOURCE OF GEOTHERMAL
ENERGY A THOUSAND FEET
BELOW THE RAIN FOREST.

SEEMED LIKE
A GOOD IDEA
AT THE TIME.

RUN,
SANCHEZ!

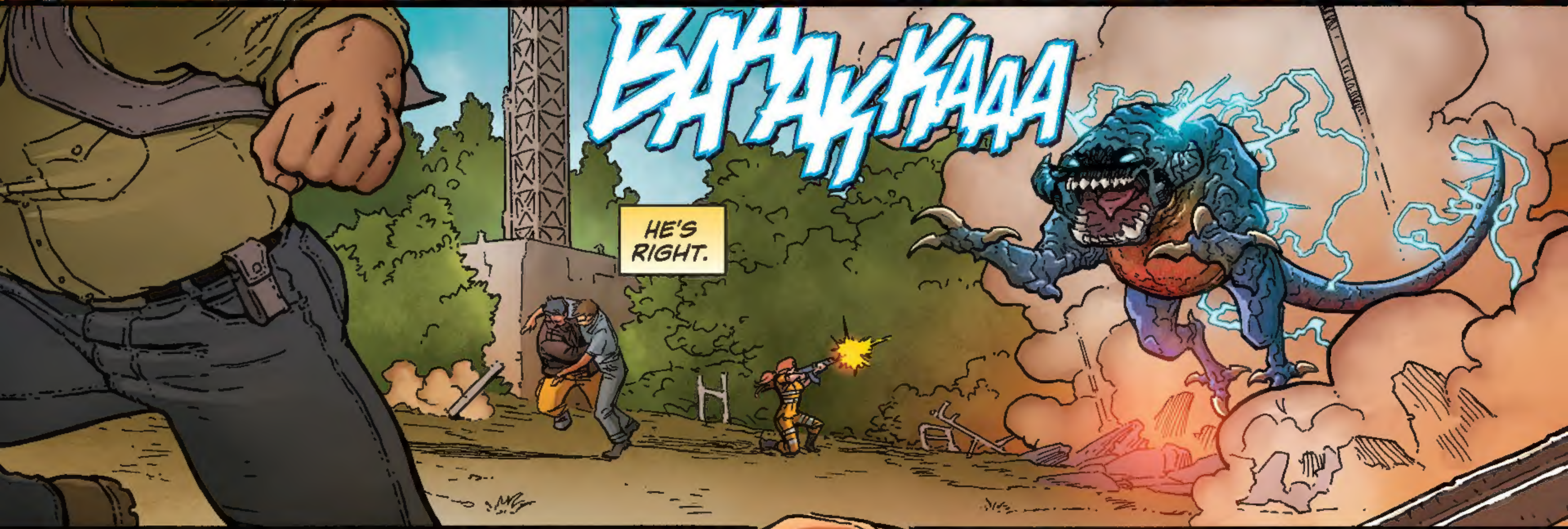
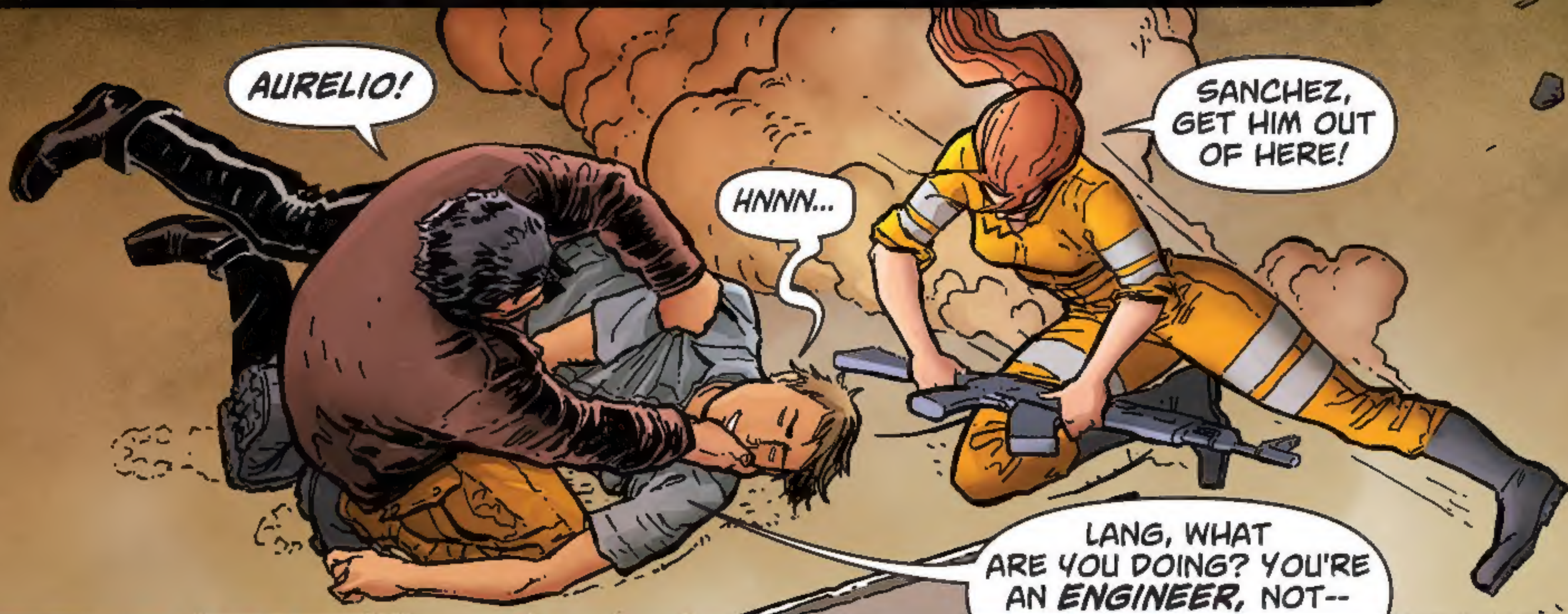
WHAT DO
YOU THINK I'M
DOING, LANG?!



I JUST WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE.

AND NOW FOLKS ARE GETTING HURT.

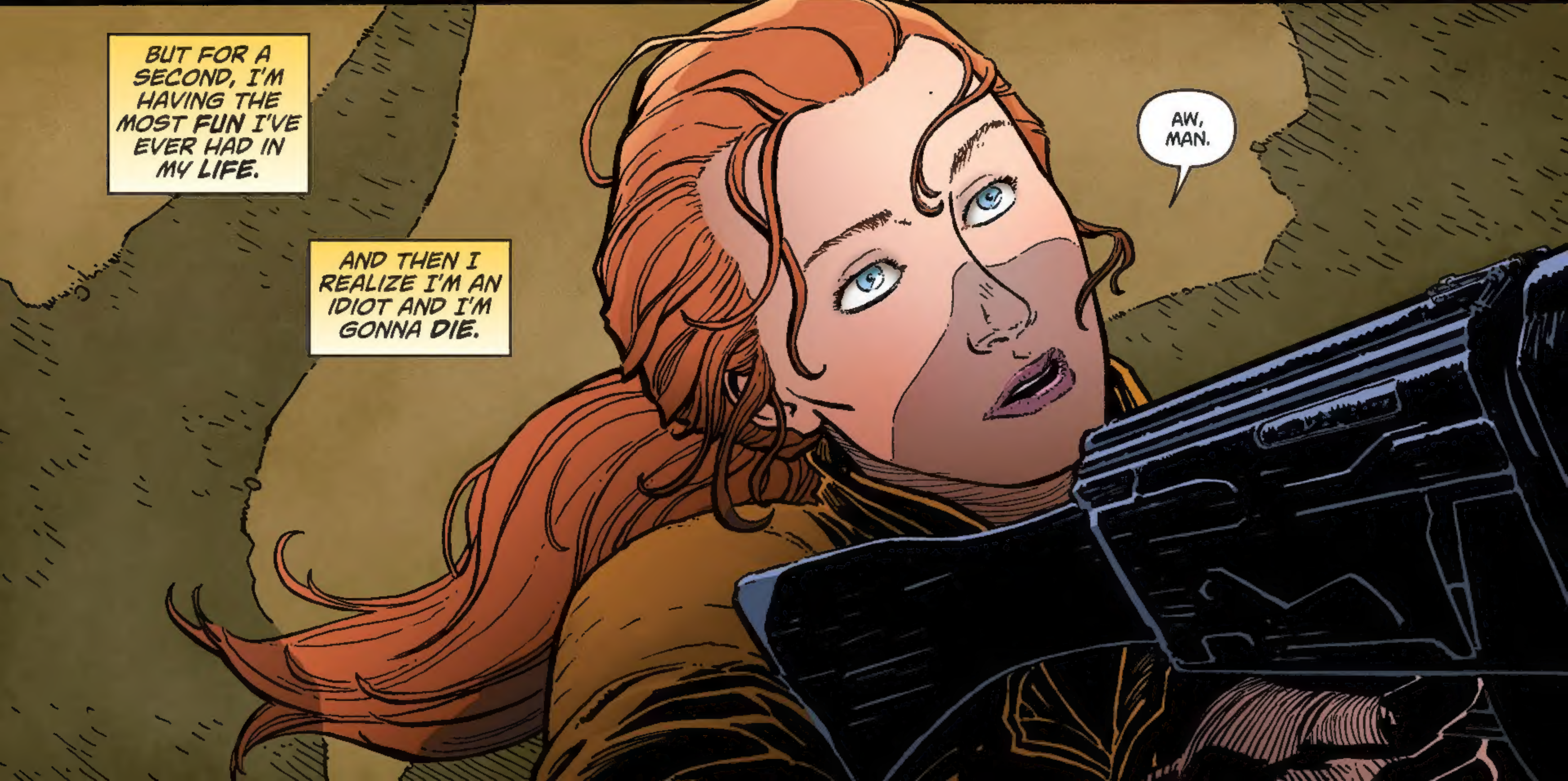
AND I'M GETTING MAD.




BUT FOR A SECOND, I'M HAVING THE MOST FUN I'VE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE.

AND THEN I REALIZE I'M AN IDIOT AND I'M GONNA DIE.

AW, MAN.





...UNLESS, OF COURSE,
MY HIGH SCHOOL PROM
DATE HAPPENS TO BE
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

MONSTER

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HOO!



TOOK ME A WHILE TO
TRACK DOWN THE TECTONIC
DISTURBANCES I FELT VIBRATING
THROUGH THE EARTH'S CRUST.

BUT ONCE I GOT IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD, THE
MONSTER'S BELLOW
WAS HARD TO MISS.

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HIM OVER THERE
FOR A MINUTE...

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FOR A MINUTE...

BAK

...WHILE I FIGURE OUT WHY I'M SMELLING GARDENIAS.

HEY, CLARK.

SHE WHISPERS MY NAME. STILL KEEPING MY SECRET.

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HE'S GROWN
ANOTHER HALF
FOOT SINCE I
SAW HIM LAST.



AND WHEN HE FLASHES
SMILE, A NEW POWER
CONFIDENCE PRACTICE
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BUT HE'S STILL THE SAME OLD CLARK.

DUCK.

ES THAT ER AND TICALLY HIM.

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A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.



OKAY.

MAYBE A LOT.

LANA KNOWS ME. MAYBE BETTER THAN ANYONE.

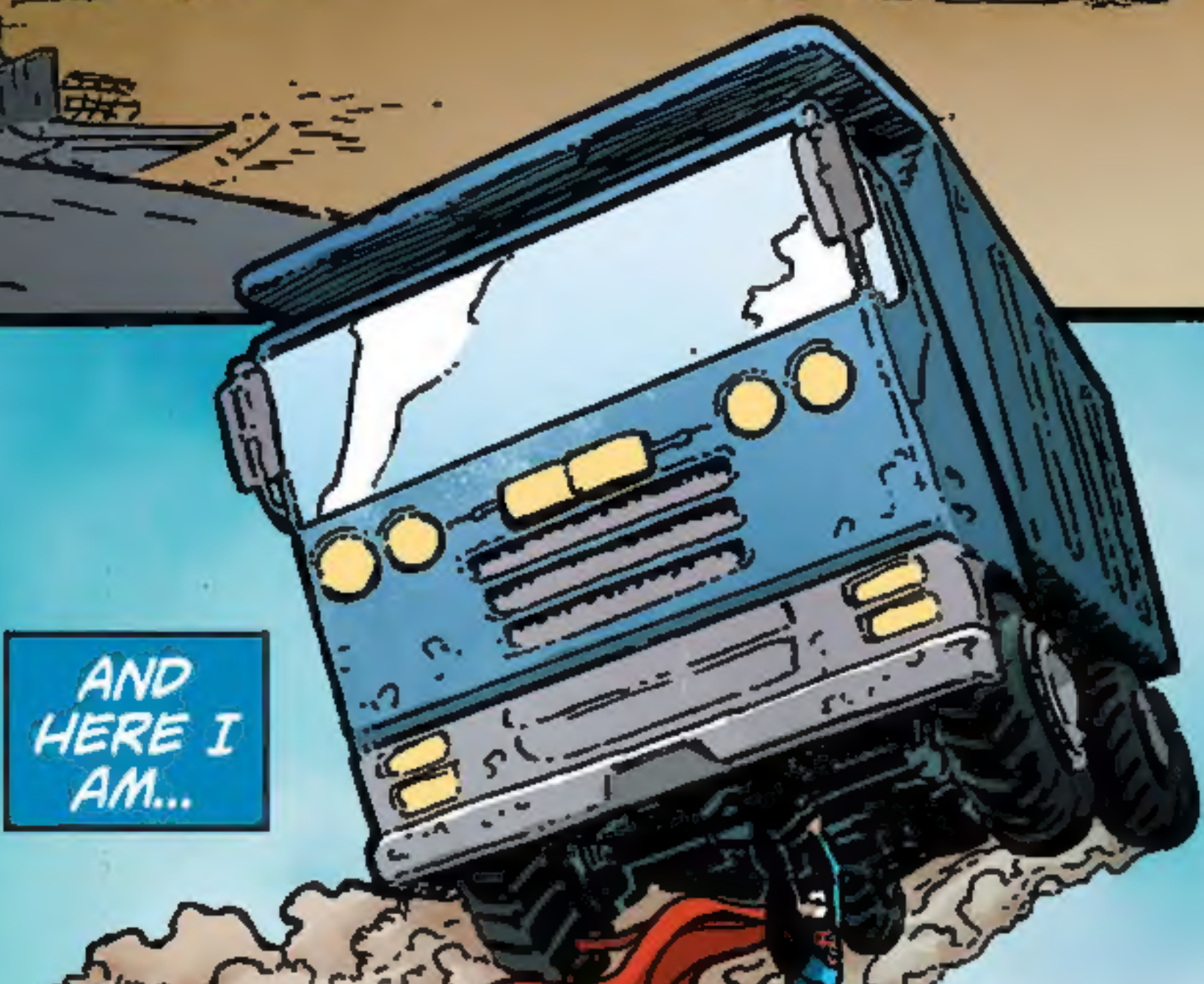
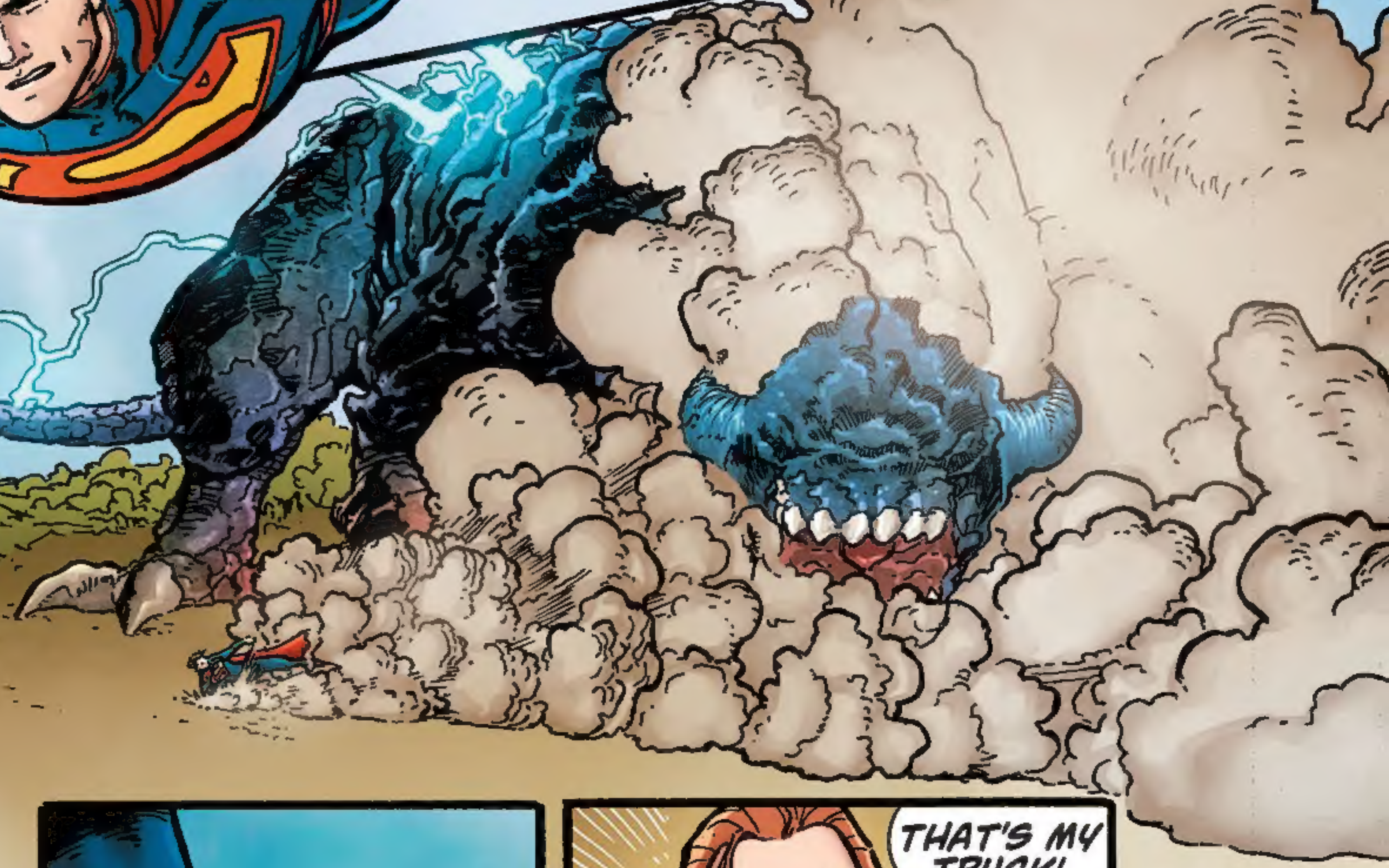
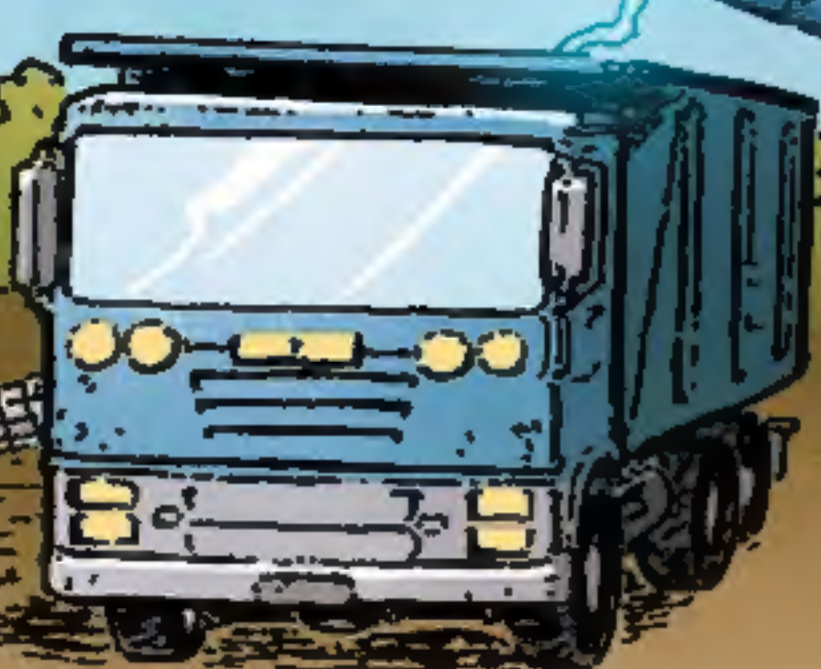
I DON'T HAVE TO IMPRESS HER.

RAARRR RAARRR RAARRR RAARRR RAARRR

BUT I KNOW SHE'S WATCHING.

SO SILLY.

I'M DATING WONDER WOMAN. LITERALLY THE MOST AMAZING WOMAN ON THE PLANET.



AND HERE I AM...

...SHOWING OFF.



HEY!



THAT'S MY TRUCK!

AW, MAN.



BAAAA
KAAAAAA

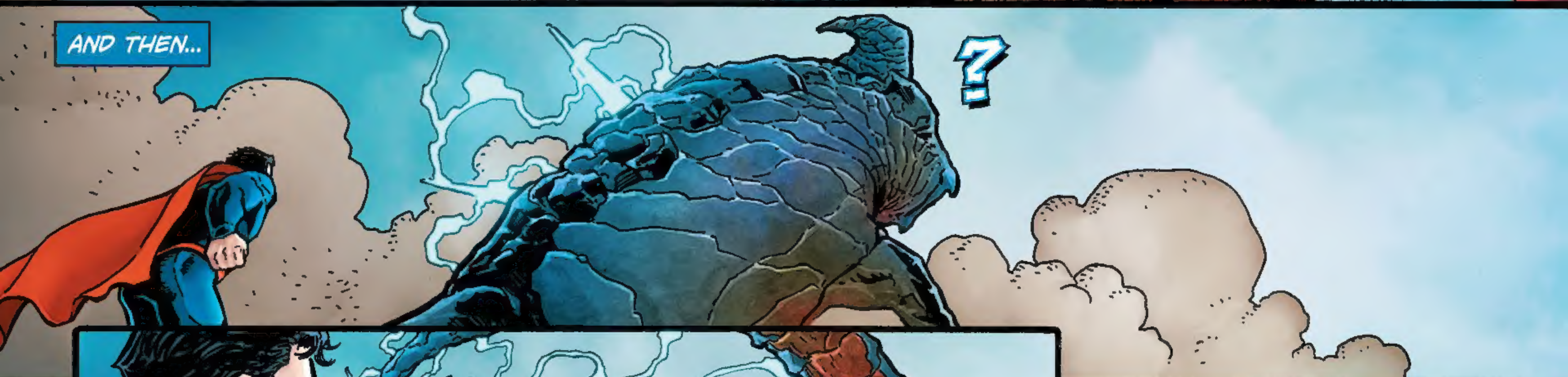
BUT NOW I'M
OUT OF TIME...

HHOWIE

...AND THE THING DOES A
NEAT LITTLE DODGE AND
I'VE RUINED LANA'S TRUCK
FOR NOTHING.

I HEAR HER
SWEARING LIKE
A FARMGIRL.

SHE'S NOT
WHISPERING,
NOW.



AND THEN...

?



HOWF!

HHRAFF



HA!

"HA"?

ARE
YOU OUT
OF YOUR
MIND?

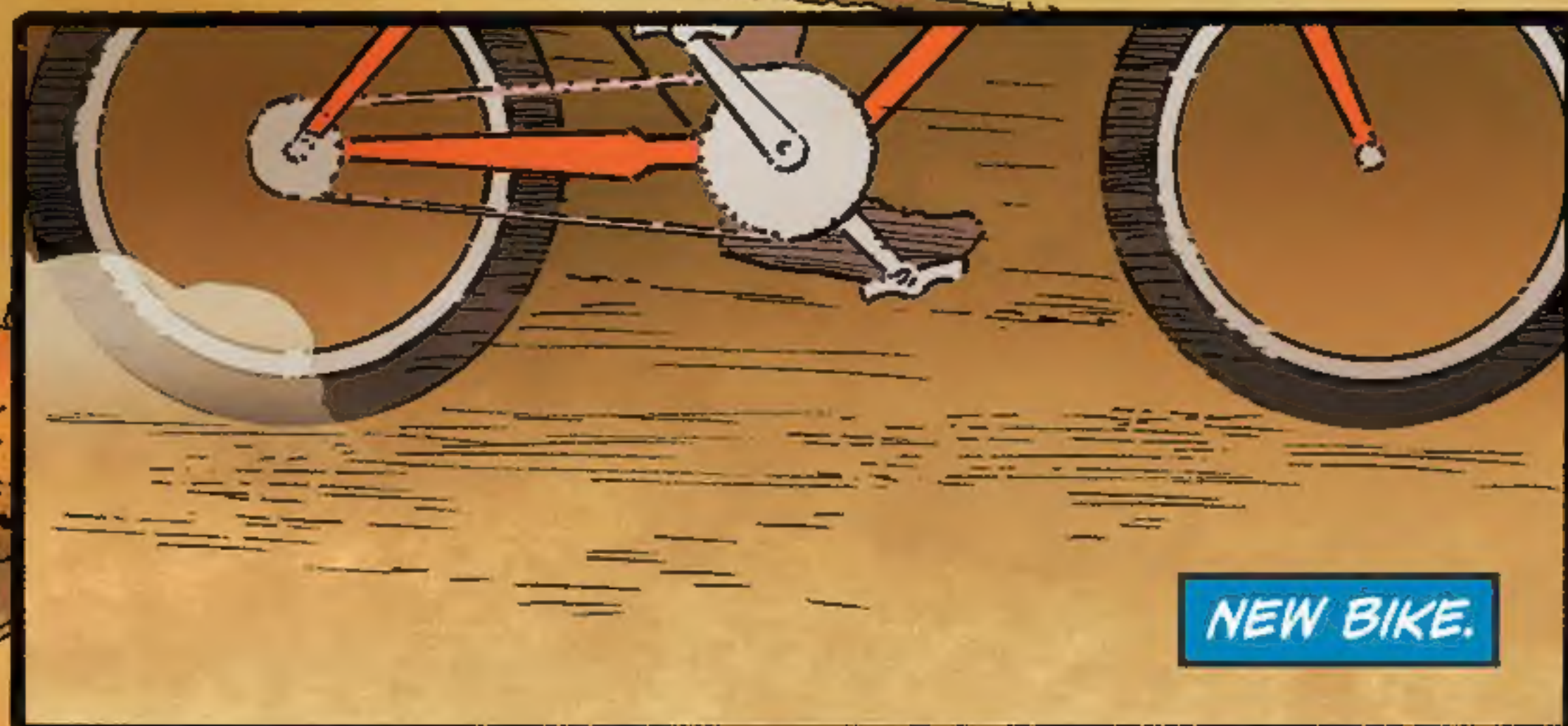
THAT
THING'S A
MONSTER!

MAYBE SHE'S
RIGHT...

...BUT MONSTERS
AREN'T ALWAYS
WHAT THEY SEEM.

SMALLVILLE.

FIRST DAY OF
SUMMER.



NEW BIKE.



HEY, DAD!
CHECK IT
OUT!

NO HANDS!

JUST A TINY
MOMENT.

BUT IT WAS
PERFECT.



PURE, DUMB
KID-JOY.

FELT LIKE
FLYING.

AND THEN THE
WORLD CAUGHT
ON FIRE.

AAAAAGH!

SOMETHING SNAPPED MY
NECK BACK AND JERKED
ME THROUGH THE AIR.

DIDN'T REALIZE
IT WAS COMING
FROM ME...

...UNTIL I'D
BURNED MY
FATHER'S
FIELDS.

AND CUT HIS
GIFT IN HALF.

DAAAAD!

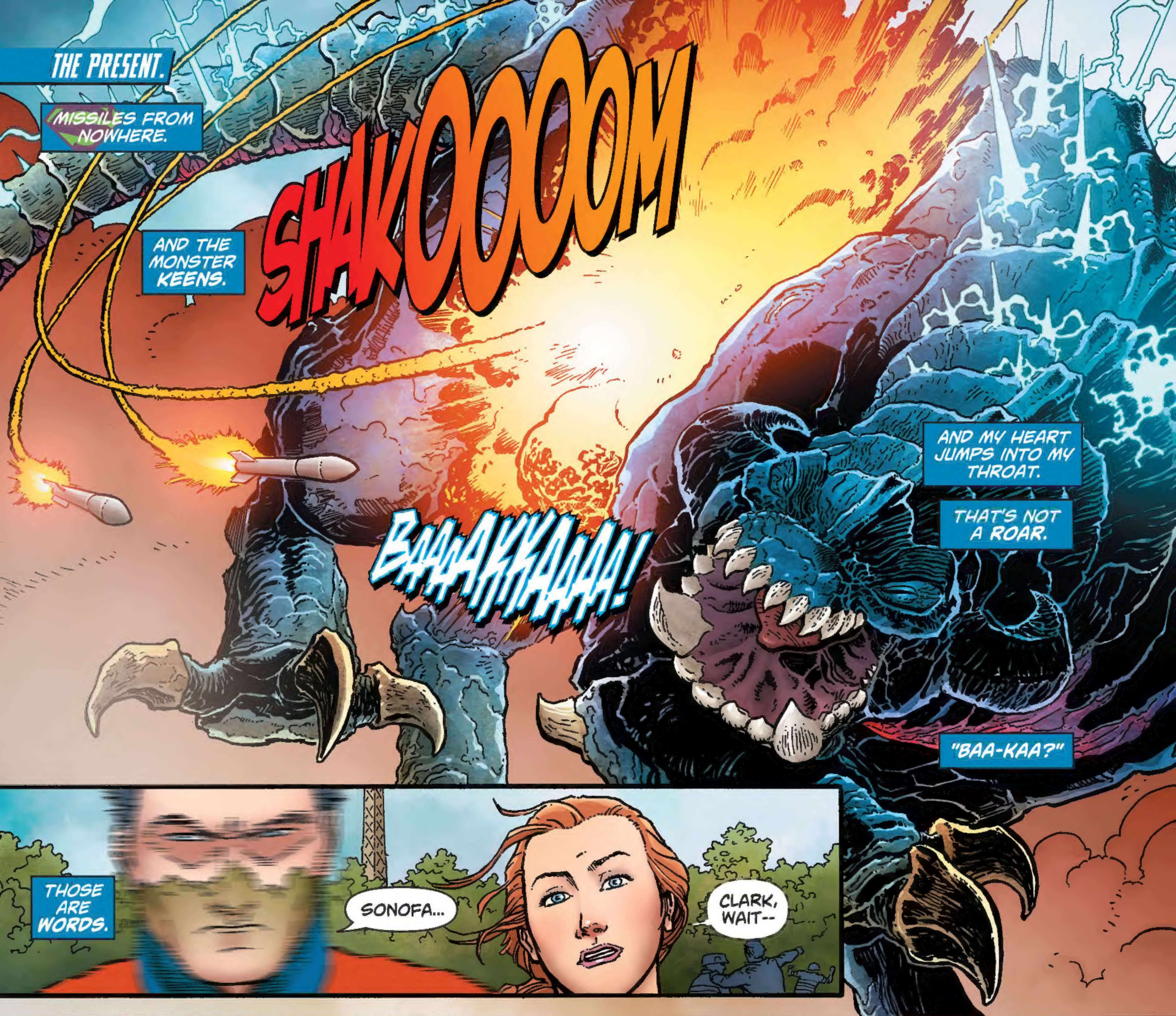
CLARK!

MY FATHER RAN TO ME.

BUT I HEARD HIS OLD SHOES
MAKE A FUNNY SCRATCH
ON THE DIRT ROAD...

...AS HE HESITATED.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN MY LIFE, I WAS GLAD I
COULDN'T SEE HIS FACE.



THE PRESENT.

MISSILES FROM NOWHERE.

AND THE MONSTER KEENS.

SHAKOOOM

BAAAKKAAA!

AND MY HEART JUMPS INTO MY THROAT.

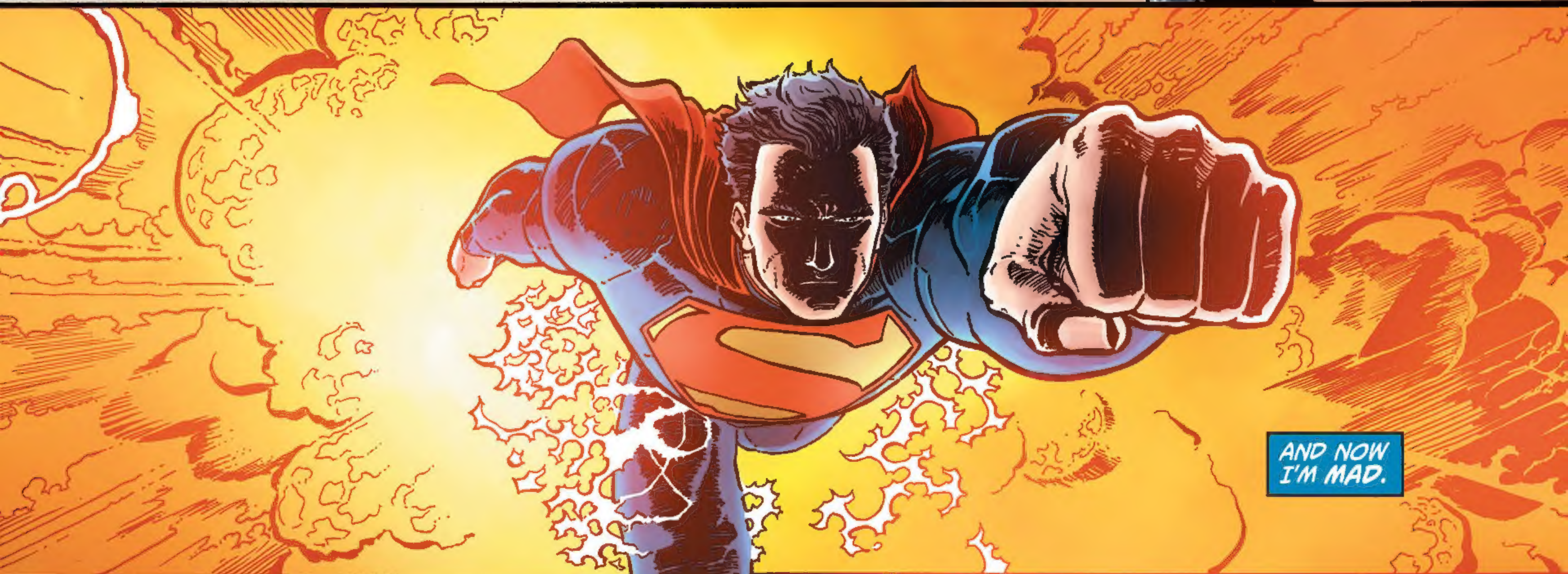
THAT'S NOT A ROAR.

"BAA-KAA?"

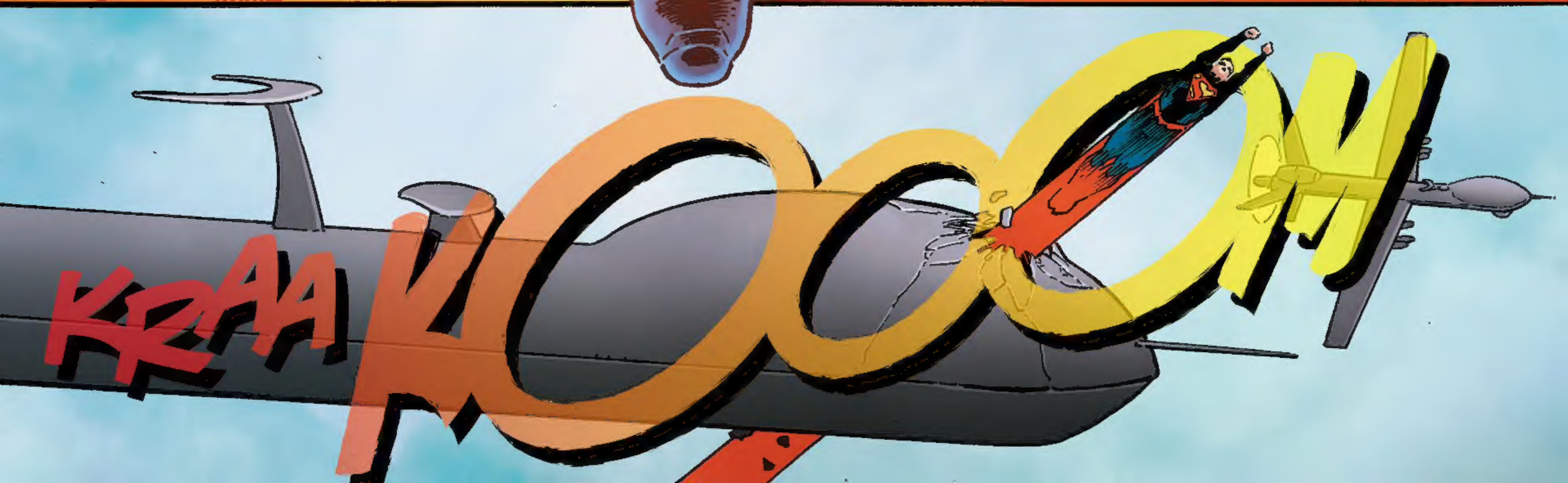
THOSE ARE WORDS.

SONOFA...

CLARK, WAIT--



AND NOW I'M MAD.



OH, BOY.

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?



HE'S SUPERMAN, SANCHEZ! HE'S SAVING THE DAMN DAY!

BY HELPING THE MONSTER?



LOOK, IF THAT'S WHAT SUPERMAN WANTS TO DO, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

CLARK, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

THE BLUE BIRD IS BITING.

LIEUTENANT SAWYER. DO YOU READ?

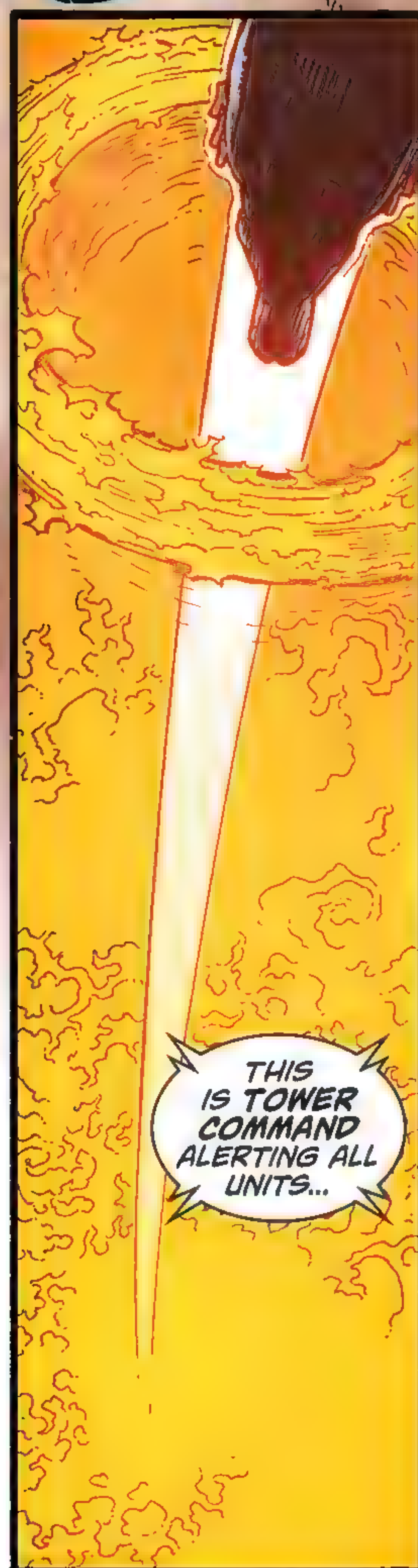


LOUD AND CLEAR, TOWER.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED FOR LAUNCH.



THIS IS TOWER COMMAND ALERTING ALL UNITS...



...THE
GHOST
SOLDIER
IS LIVE.



SO HE CAN FLY,
BUT HE'S COMING
AT ME WITH
KNIVES?

LOOK,
I DON'T
WANT TO
HURT YOU,
SO--

WHY
ARE YOU
DUCKING,
SAWYER?

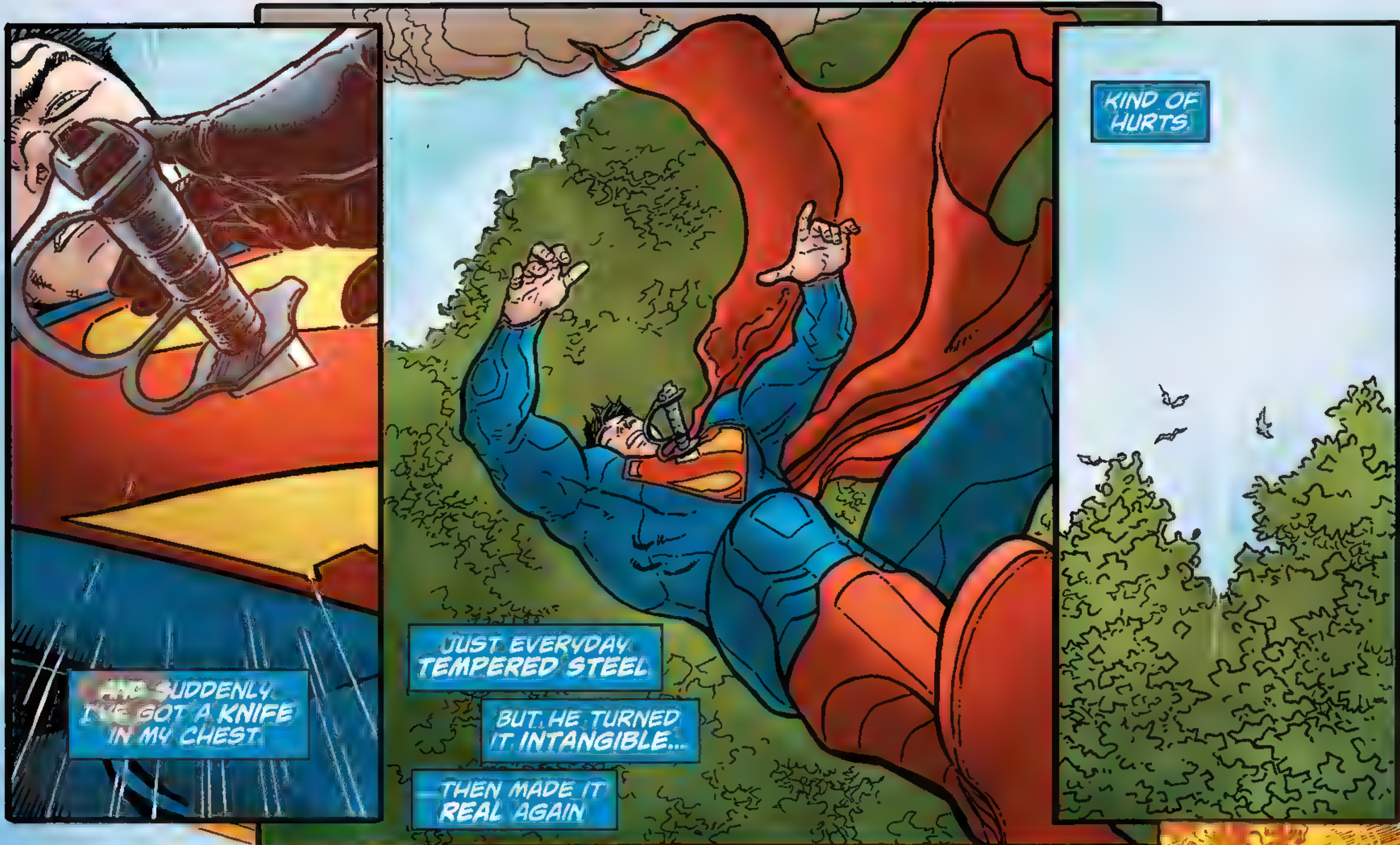
SORRY.
REFLEX.

THAT'S
FOR THE
LIVING.
NOW
GO GET
'IM.

ROGER
THAT.

AAAAGH!

ICE FIRE
PAIN DEATH--



KIND OF HURTS

AND SUDDENLY
I'VE GOT A KNIFE
IN MY CHEST

JUST EVERYDAY
TEMPERED STEEL

BUT HE TURNED
IT INTANGIBLE...

THEN MADE IT
REAL AGAIN

BLUE BIRD
DOWN!

FINISH HIM,
SOLDIER!



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

HE SAYS NOTHING.
JUST PHASES OUT
TO AVOID MY PUNCH.



AND THEN
THE KNIFE

COLD AND HOT
AND DEAD--



WINKING IN
AND OUT OF
EXISTENCE

SPLITTING
ME APART
MOLECULE BY
MOLECULE...



MEANWHILE,
THERE'S MY NEW
BEST FRIEND...

EXPLODING WITH
PAIN, BURNING
DOWN THE CORN
FIELD...



ENOUGH!



HE'S PHASING
BUT THE BLAST
ACTUALLY PUSHES
HIM BACK.

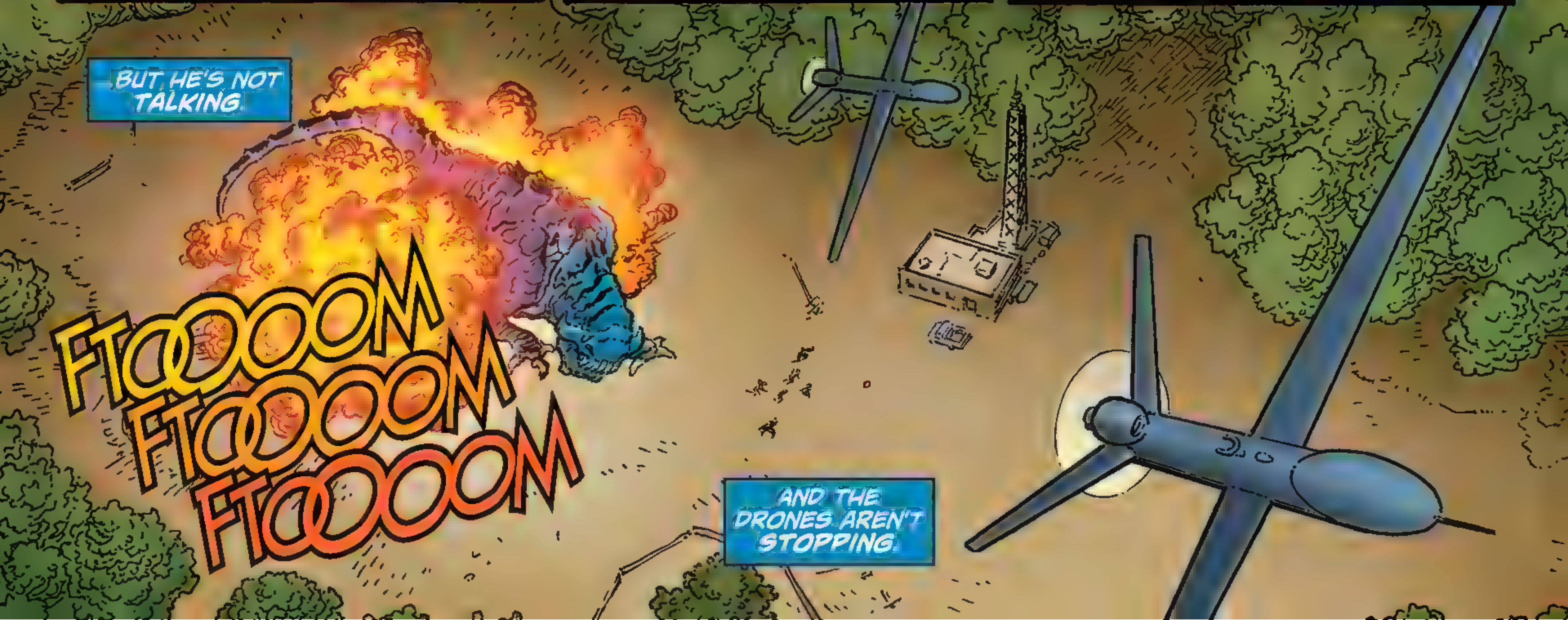
GOOD TO KNOW



PEOPLE
NEED OUR
HEL--

SHANG

I BURN A
SECOND WITH A
MORAL APPEAL...



BUT HE'S NOT
TALKING

FTO OOOOM
FTO OOOOM
FTO OOOOM

AND THE
DRONES AREN'T
STOPPING

SO LET'S SEE IF WE
CAN'T SLOW THINGS
DOWN A LITTLE

HIS MOLECULES HAVE
TO BE MOVING AT AN
INSANE SPEED TO
PHASE LIKE THAT...

...BUT IF I CAN
APPLY A LITTLE
FREEZE
BREATH...

BINGO

AAAAGH!

GOTCHA.

HEY!
I'M TRYING
TO HELP
YOU!
JUST CALM--

BAAAAAKKKKAAAAH!

LIKE THERE'S ANY REASON I
SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT
TO UNDERSTAND ENGLISH

SUPERMAN!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
STOP
IT!

I'VE GOT ABOUT
A HUNDREDTH
OF A SECOND
TO DECIDE

BUT INNOCENTS
ARE IN DANGER

THERE'S
REALLY NO
CHOICE, IS
THERE?

BAAAAZ

MY GOD.
WHERE'S
HE...

...WHERE'S
HE GOING?



I DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG WE
STAND THERE.

WHEN YOU FINALLY
EMERGE FROM
THE BLAZING HALO
OF THE SUN, I
ALMOST CRY.

BUT YOU
DON'T LOOK
AT ME.

I SEARCH FOR
YOUR EYES, TRYING
TO REACH CLARK.

BUT ALL I
SEE IS...

...SUPERMAN.

AH,
CLARK.

I JUST
FAILED
YOU,
DIDN'T I?

WHERE'S THE
MONSTER?

SIX HOURS LATER.

YOU CARED ABOUT
THAT THING.

YOU WANTED
TO HELP IT.

BUT ALL US PUNY
HUMANS JUST
GOT SCARED.

ALL RIGHT.
WE'RE STARTING
TO GET SOMEWHERE.
EVERYONE STAY
CLOSE.

SHOULDN'T
WE WAIT FOR
THE MILITARY
INVESTIGATORS?

PROBABLY.

BUT
WHAT'S THE
FUN IN THAT?

I TOLD SANCHEZ I
NEEDED TO SURVEY
BEFORE WE TRY
DRILLING AGAIN. AND
THAT'S TRUE ENOUGH.

BUT I'M REALLY
JUST LOOKING
FOR SOMETHING
FOR YOU.

SOMETHING THAT'LL GIVE
ME AN EXCUSE TO CALL
YOU UP AND SAY, HEY,
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE
INTERESTED TO HEAR...

SONOFAGUN.

I
GUESS THAT
QUALIFIES.

FLEW AROUND THE
WORLD A COUPLE
OF TIMES.

STILL
ANGRY.

THEY ACT LIKE I
THROW MONSTERS
INTO THE SUN
EVERY DAMN DAY.

FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

MONSTERS.

HNN.

JUST LIKE
ME.

BUT MY DAD
STARTED WALKING
AGAIN THAT DAY.

AND WHILE THE FIELDS
BURNED, HE SAT RIGHT
DOWN NEXT TO ME.

HE WAS
TERRIFIED.

BUT HE WAS
THERE FOR ME.

SO I DON'T
CARE WHAT
THEY SAY...



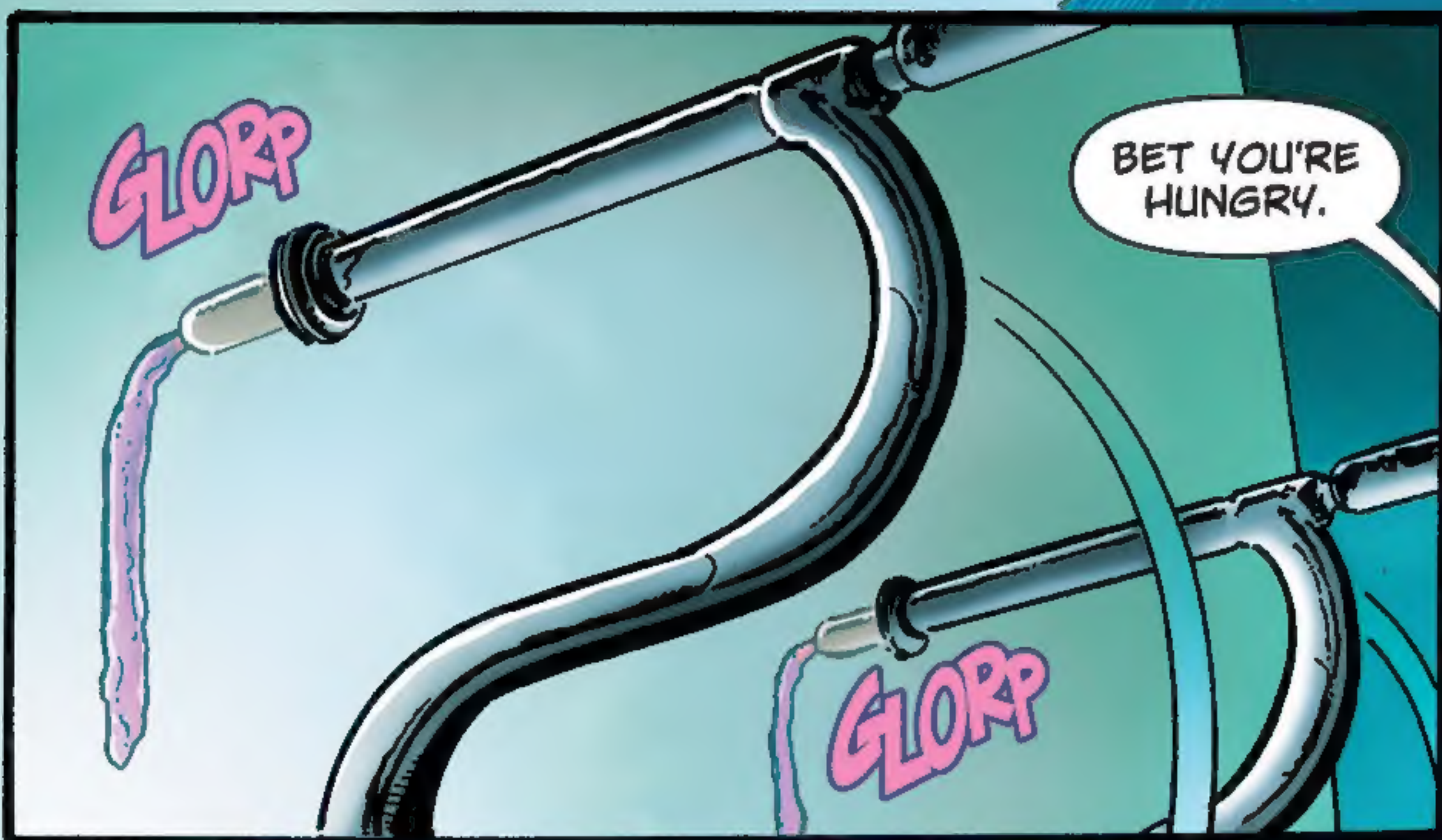


BIG DAY,
HUH?

BIP

BEE

BEEP



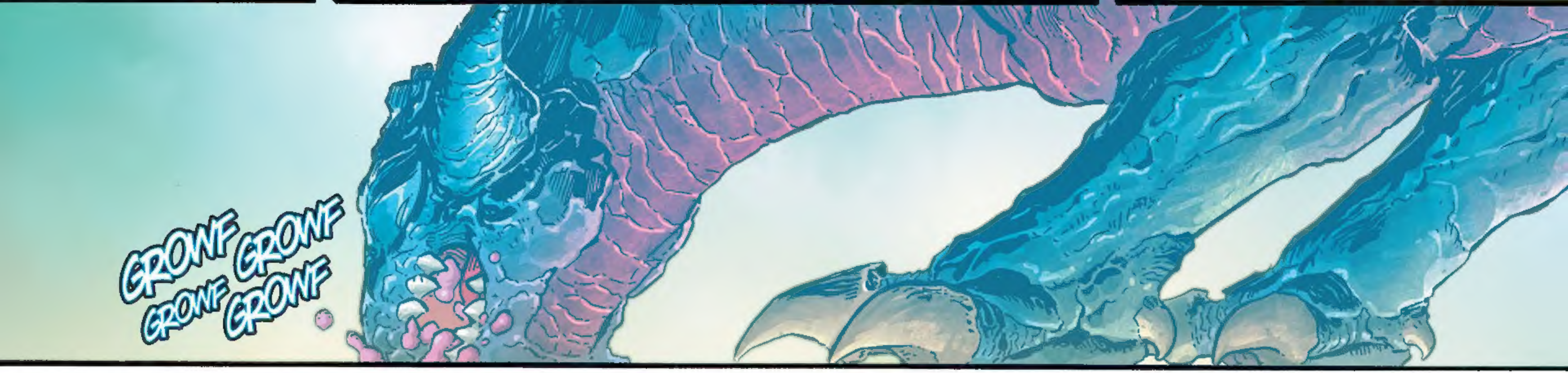
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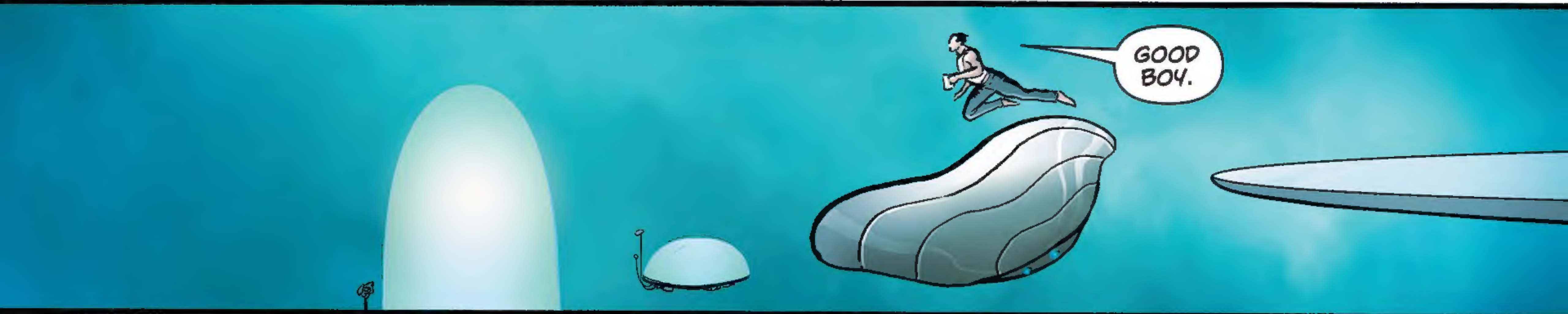
BET YOU'RE
HUNGRY.



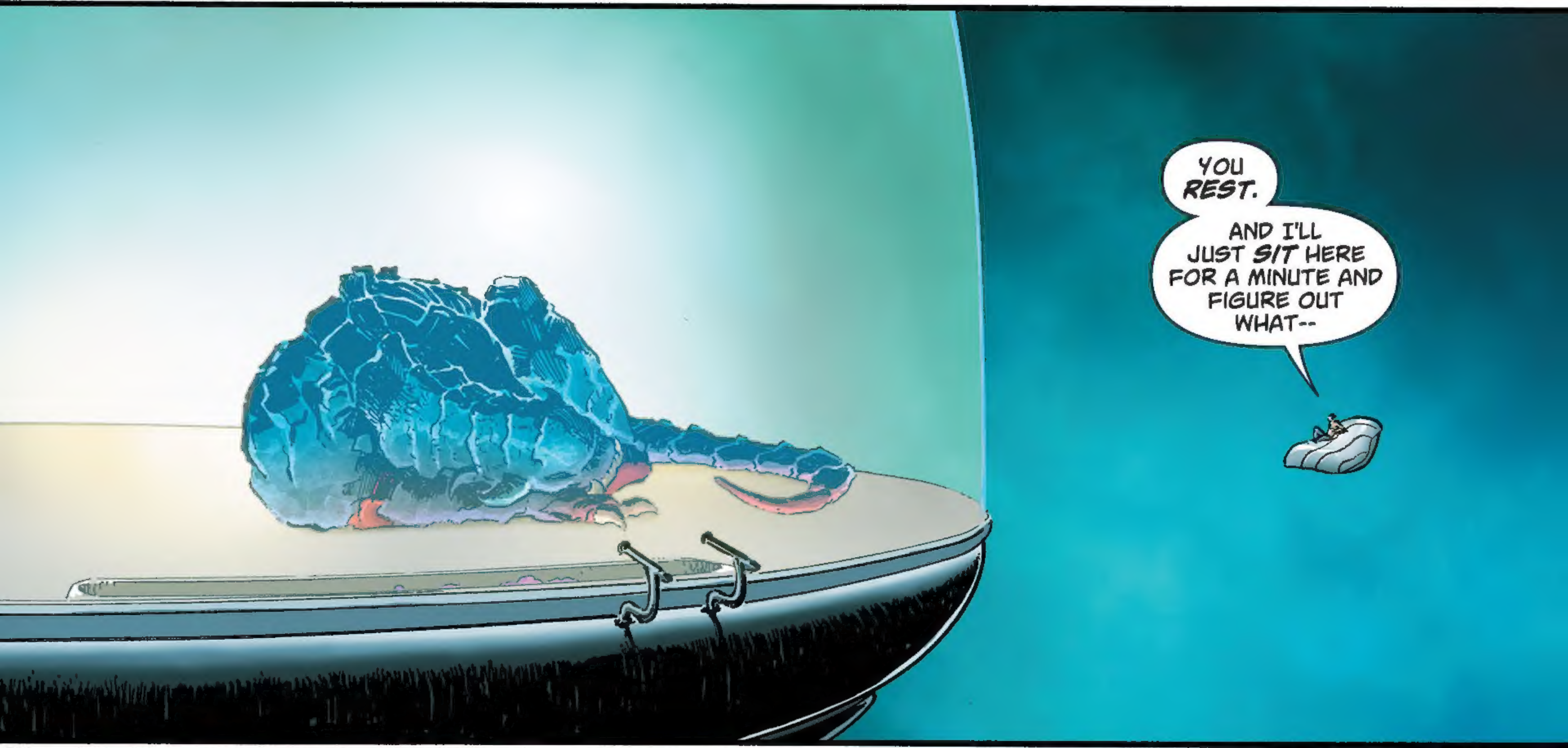
HAPPY...



GROWF
GROWF
GROWF



GOOD
BOY.

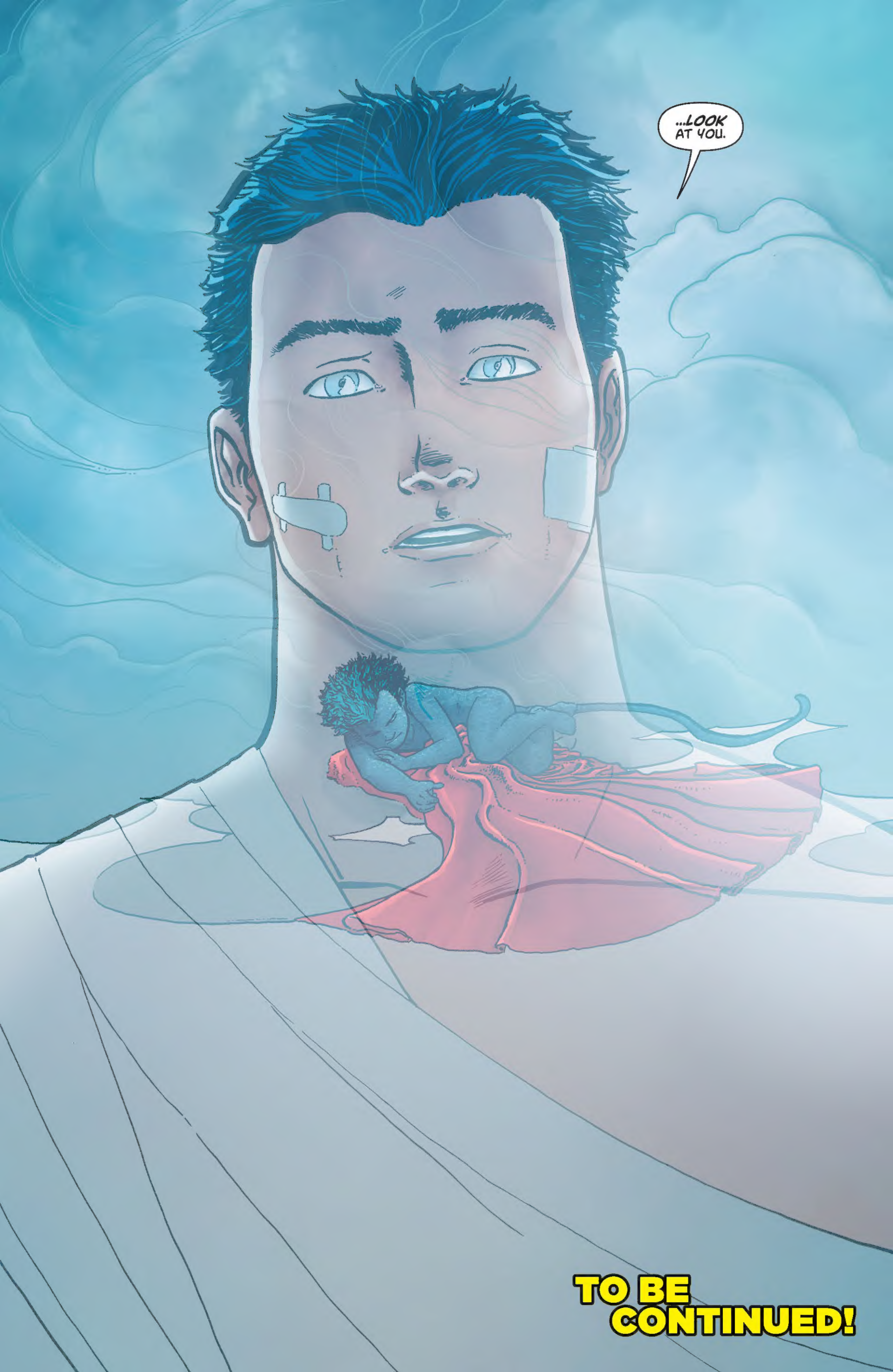


YOU
REST.

AND I'LL
JUST *SIT* HERE
FOR A MINUTE AND
FIGURE OUT
WHAT--



OH,
BOY...



...LOOK
AT YOU.

**TO BE
CONTINUED!**

THIS IS
AMBUSH BUG
FOR CHANNEL 52
REPORTING LIVE FROM
THE OUTER EDGE OF THE
UNIVERSE--WHERE THE
GREEN LANTERN CORPS
ARE ON THE MOVE!

WE'RE TOLD
THEIR NEW LEADER,
EARTH'S VERY OWN HAL
JORDAN, IS IN DANGER ON
THE PLANET BELOW--BUT
I'VE GOTTA ASK...WHAT KIND
OF THREAT WOULD REQUIRE
AN ENTIRE ARMY, AND A
LIVING PLANET, TO
RESPOND TO IT?!

WE'RE KEEPING
A CLOSE EYE ON
THIS SITUATION, AND
WE'LL UPDATE YOU
AS IT DEVELOPS!

THOUGH IF THIS
TRANSMISSION'S
MOVING AT THE SPEED
OF LIGHT, YOU SHOULD BE
WATCHING THIS REPORT
ON...TUESDAY...OF JULY
85,271? WAIT, THAT
CAN'T BE RIGHT.

CHANNEL
52
BREAKING
NEWS



ANYWAY!
KEEP IT TUNED TO
CHANNEL 52!



*Wishing you a happy holiday from
all the members of Empire.*